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KRAKOA NORTH.
NORTHERN MANITOBA.
CANADA.

We're running out of time.

Mais oui, Guardian. What do we do now that Erika has moved forward with the Box Sentinel program?

If she freezes you out of their processes, then perhaps it's time we make our run for ***Chandilar,*** *non?*

We only get ***one shot*** at this, Northstar.

If my ***inside agent*** takes a Department H ship from the Alpha Flight space station now, then that's it. We can't make a second run.

We need to see how this plays out. See if there are ***more*** that we can ***save*** before we set sail.

Kyle, how many are there so far?

We've... With Argent, that makes ***23*** mutants in our facility.

Hmmm...

...it feels like only a drop in the bucket.

The problem is that we don't know ***how many*** are out there. Without a Cerebro, we can't access any ***hard data.***

Non.

I'm **bored** in here, Aurora. I just want to play **outside.**

I know, Spencer.

But it is **not safe** outside.

Why not? It's just grass and trees and--

Yes, that is true.

It is not so much what you **can** see with your eyes...

...it's about those who can **see you.**

There are bad guys watching. Bad guys who are looking to bring **harm** to people like **you** and **me.**

This building **protects** us from them. Nemesis has a force-field around this place...a **magical force-field** that helps us stay hidden.

But the moment any of us leaves this building, we are **no longer protected.**

So we need to stay **inside.**

Why don't we go see if we can't find something to alleviate the boredom, *oui?*

I think I saw a couple **video game** consoles with your names on them.

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Alpha Flight

True North

In the wake of Orchis banishing mutants from Earth, Department H has effectively outlawed mutantkind, deploying Alpha Flight to round up every mutant left on Canadian soil. Little do they know that Alpha Flight is secretly in league with their mutant former teammates, shepherding any mutants they can to a hidden base in Manitoba.

Frustrated at Alpha Flight's apparent failure to capture mutants, the new Department H director, Erika Doiron, has authorized the deployment of Box Sentinels, the pet project of Roger Bochs Jr., building on his father's technology, to aid in the mutant hunt, putting Alpha Flight's covert plans in jeopardy.

Meanwhile, former Alpha Flight-er Feedback narrowly escaped from Orchis in California and is rapidly making his way north...

1___[GUARDIAN]
2___[NORTHSTAR]
3___[KYLE JINADU]
4___[AURORA]
5___[SHAMAN]
6___[ARGENT]
7___[FANG]
8___[PUCK]
9___[FEEDBACK]
10__[SNOWBIRD]
11__[NEMESIS]
12__[ERIKA DOIRON]
13__[ROGER BOCHS JR.]

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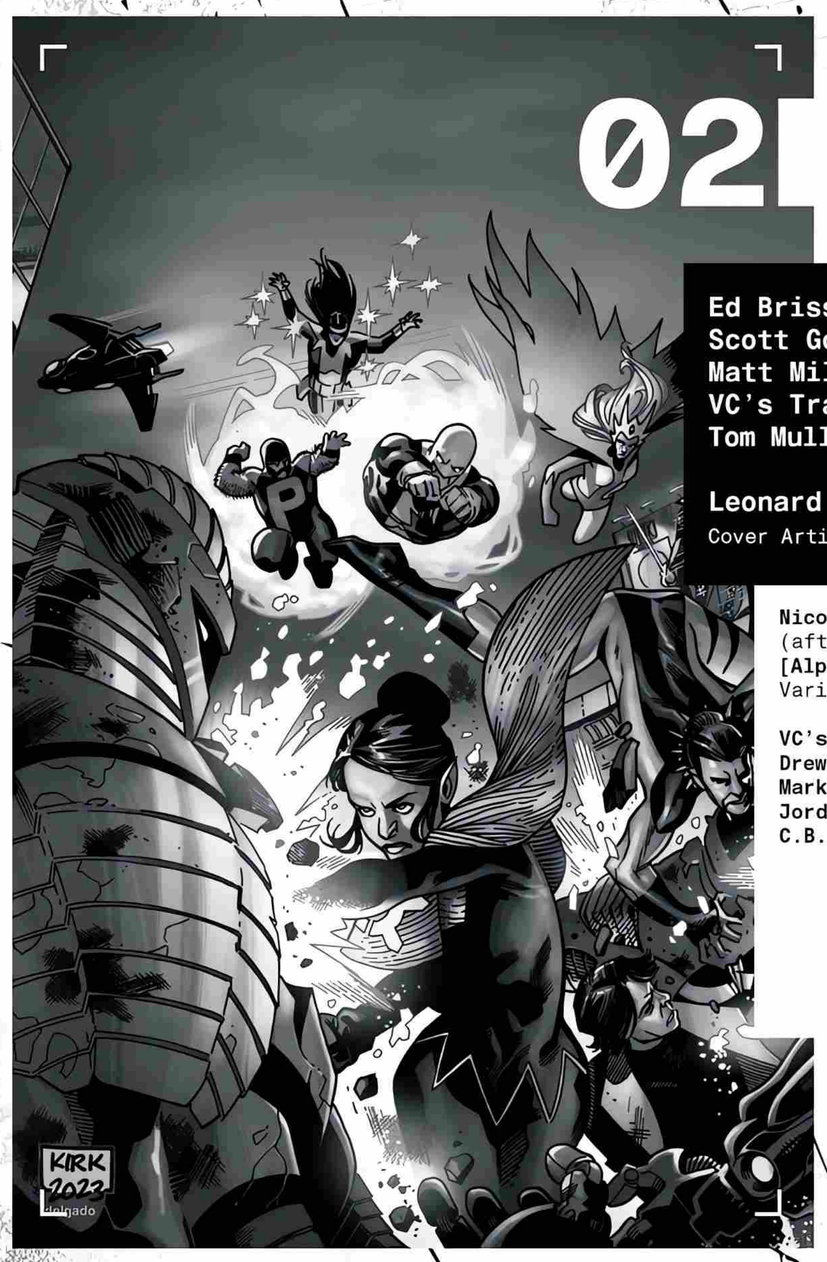

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If we step back from it for a moment, perhaps the Box Sentinel program is *a blessing.*

Ah oui?

Right now, we've been relying on public reports on *mutant sightings.*

Reports we relay to you, in hopes that you can get to them *first.*

With us taking in those who're known criminals.

Which gives us enough credibility to keep Department H from getting *suspicious.*

That will be *difficult* with Erika's *robot dogs* keeping an eye on you.

Yes, but the Box Sentinels are outfitted with Orchis tech that allows them to *pinpoint* the location of mutants.

If we can *access* that information...we can *prioritize targets.* Box Sentinels can take down those who are a *legitimate threat,* we'll save those who need it.

But, given Department H has shackled you, do you think that they will just hand the information over?

Also, I don't think that the Krakoan Council will be thrilled to leave behind those who *humankind* have deemed *not worthy.* Krakoa welcomes *all.*

That may be so, but Krakoa is *no more,* and we don't have time to save *everyone.*

I'm sorry if we were *too rough* on you back there.*

*AF captured Argent during a public altercation to throw Dept. H off their real mission! --MB

I was *terrified,* Shaman.

I understand.

I'm afraid that we didn't have much choice.

Orchis and Department H *have* to believe that we are on *their side.*

For what it's worth-- you put up *quite* the fight.

Alpha Flight could use someone like you on *our side,* Argent.

Please *don't* call me that. My name is Laurent.

Argent was a name I used when I was younger. When I thought maybe I wanted to be...like all of *you.* A hero.

But, I hated the violence. I couldn't stomach it.

Not then and not now.

I just want my life to go back to how it *was.* That is all.

I understand.

What's been done to mutantkind is not *fair or just.*

We're going to do what we can to get you back home, until then...

...you'll be safe *here.*

I *promise.*

Mom,

I'm writing you this letter, although I have no idea if it'll ever make it to you. There is no mailbox or internet where I am. No cell phones either. They've told me it's because they can't risk people knowing where we are, but it still makes me uneasy.

I just want you to know that I'm okay. They tell me that what happened in Saskatoon was on the news, but please know that I didn't mean to hurt anyone, I was just defending myself. I would have been arrested (or worse!) if Northstar, Aurora and a couple of others I don't recognize hadn't shown up.

Bet you're wondering how the hell I ended up all the way in Saskatoon, right?

Well, after leaving you in Gatineau, I crossed over to Ottawa like I said I was going to. I was hoping to travel though one of the Krakoan gates, like they had been telling us to do. But, the gate in Ottawa didn't work anymore. So, I made my way down to Toronto, hoping to find a gate there, only to find that none of them worked there either. I kept travelling, hoping I could find one, but everywhere I went, the gates were covered or not working. In every city, there were others who were trying the same as me.

Most of them were arrested.

They were arrested for being mutants, for not having left earlier. Somehow, I managed to escape, until Saskatoon. I'd hoped to find a gate somewhere, but couldn't. None that worked, anyway.

I've been taken to some secret location, like I said, and they say that they're going to bring us to another planet until it's safe to return to Earth. I'm not sure that I want to go, but I'm not being given much of an option.

On a more positive note, some of those who I'd seen along the way, who I thought had been taken by the police, are here. There is a small boy here, his name is Bubs, he has to live in a bubble suit because of his mutation. It's so sad to see, Mom. God can be so cruel sometimes.

Anyway, I'm going to go for now, but I promise to write you again soon.

Love,
Laurent

Note: Translated from French.

I apologize in advance that we cannot assist you on your own planet, Fang.

But, with the Shi'ar's long history of imperialism...it wouldn't be right for us to interfere in Earth politics. We already have **enough** to atone for.

We wouldn't ask you to.

All we ask is that you ***ensure*** that those we bring to you are taken care of until we can ***safely*** return them to Earth.

That, I can promise.

When should we expect them?

Soon. We've just run into some... ***complications.***

Thank you, once again, for helping us, Empress Xandra.

We had worried we'd have to dump these poor souls on Arakko in the middle of a ***civil war.***

A sad state of affairs where placing them in a ***war zone*** is a ***safer*** option than leaving them in their ***own homes.***

That it is, Puck.

But, we have homes for them here.

Even though they may be temporary, that is no reason for them to not be comfortable and welcoming.

BEND, OREGON. USA.

Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner

Lenny's

Pancakes
Pie
Burgers

Please

Can I give you a warm-up?

Thanks.

Get you anything else?

Just the cheque, please.

[mutant…[Albert]
[alert…….[Louis]

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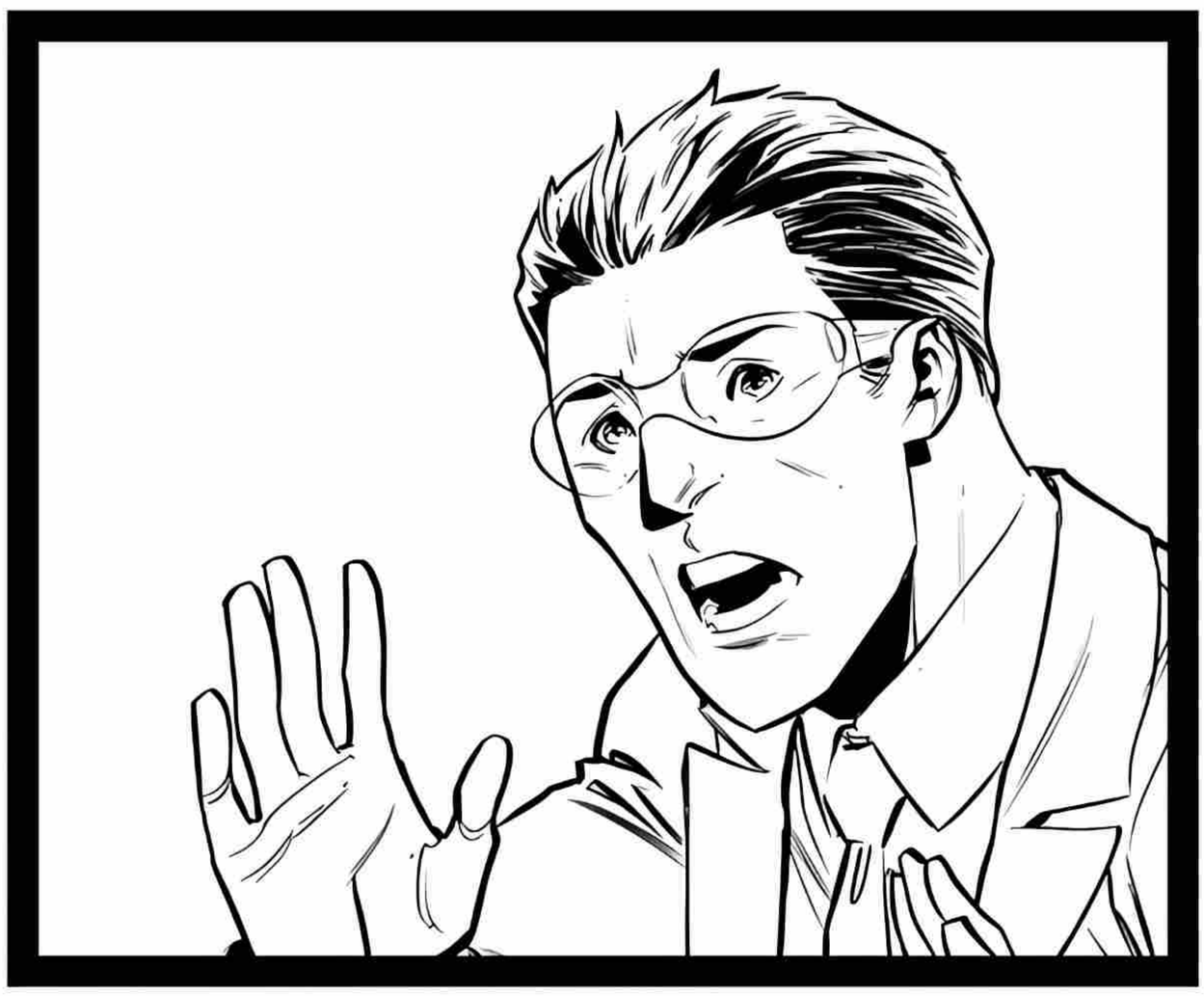

The F.B.I. are asking the public to be on the lookout for Albert Louis, who may also be using the alias Lucas Peterson. Louis is wanted in connection to an assault at Somis BioTech, located in Camarillo, California, that left several employees with life-threatening injuries in addition to more than a million dollars in property damage.

It is believed that Albert Louis may be headed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where he is originally from.

Louis is described as a white male, 28 years of age, 5′10″, medium build, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on Albert Louis' location is asked to contact their local law enforcement. The public is advised not to approach Albert Louis, as he is to be considered dangerous.

[mutant…[Albert]
[alert…….[Louis]

Sir?

I...I just wanted to check in on you and see how you enjoyed your meal?

Haven't seen you in here before, and always like...*uh*... I like to welcome all new...diners. ***Personally,*** I mean.

Just... *uhm*...

It was great. Thanks.

I'm...I'm just in a bit of a hurry. I have to--

I get that, I don't want to take up ***too much*** of your time, I...I *uh*...just want to make sure that your first visit isn't your last...

Hows about I give you some coupons for your ***next visit?*** Won't take but a minute, I promise.

Get you a ***free*** piece of pie? We got the best strawberry rhubarb pie in--

No. I really have to go.

I'm--

No.

SKREEE

SKREEEE

KRAKOA NORTH.

It's time for us to leave, Nemesis.

I'll be there to teleport you back to your ship in just a moment.

Are you... *How* are you *feeling?*

It looks like this fight is taking its *toll* on you.

The Scell...every time I use it, it *drains* energy from me. Leaves me *exhausted.*

Teleporting five people across the country... it...

...it's a *lot.*

Last time, I slept for twelve hours afterward.

I worry that it's taking *too much.*

That when I need it *most,* I *won't* have the energy.

You *don't* have to do this *alone,* Nemesis.

Maybe you could talk to Guardian?

I'm not ready to have *that* conversation yet.

Without me, there's no way for anyone to get in and out of Krakoa North *undetected.*

Without *the sword,* they would *find us.*

I'm *sorry.*

I shouldn't put this on you. I *knew* what the assignment was when I *signed up.*

Just give me a *few minutes.* I'll--

Nemesis! Snowbird!

We've got *a sighting--* one of our own is under attack in Oregon.

We need to get back to the ship...

...now.

Okay, I'm ready.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO. CANADA.

Alpha Flight, we have your Omnijet headed toward U.S. airspace...

...care to explain?

Police in Oregon have an old member of our team cornered.

We thought it would look good if Alpha Flight took him in. Show that we don't play favourites.

You didn't think to check in with **me first?** Just decided that you'd **run off** to another country and **kick off** an international incident?

There was no time, Erika.

We thought--

Yes, you **already** told me.

We're already aware of the situation in Oregon.

And agree that this is **a great opportunity** for us to show that we can take care of our **own problems.**

DEPARTMENT H HEADQUARTERS.

Congratulations for *finally* getting it.

This is a great moment for us to step up, to show the world what we're *capable of.*

To prove to them that *no one* gets preferential treatment because of *past affiliation* with the team.

Though, if we're being *technical,* Al Louis was only a member of Beta Flight.

And because this is such an *important moment,* we *can't* risk messing it up.

We *need* this to go well.

You have *our word.*

Your word means *little* at this point.

You've allowed Northstar, Aurora and Nemesis to *humiliate you.*

To humiliate *Department H.*

So, yes, we will be going to Oregon and bringing Feedback here to *stand trial.*

But you will *not* be going. If you cross into U.S. airspace, you will be *arrested.* Turn around, *return home.*

You'll remain here as the face of Alpha Flight. You'll shake hands, wave for the crowds.

Besides, you're more than an hour out...

"...and the Box Sentinels are *already* there."

BEND, OREGON. USA.

Lenny's

Open 24 Hours

Well, *what* do we do, boss?

Turn around.

Head back to Department H.

But--

I know.

I *hate* it.

But we're not going to help *anyone* if we're in prison.

Head back to Department H.

I have to make a *call.*

DEPARTMENT H HEADQUARTERS. TORONTO, ONTARIO. CANADA.

He's locked himself inside the diner...

...and cleared everyone else out.

I'm bringing the Sentinels in.

Careful...

...we can't afford *any casualties,* Roger.

Take him down before he can hurt *anyone.*

Alive is preferable.

But dead works if there's *no other option.*

Albert Louis, A.K.A. Feedback.

Come out of the building with your hands over your head. Surrender and no one gets hurt.

Just leave me...

...alone!

KASHOOM

Box-14 is down!

Dammit. We've lost Box-7!

KRASHAK

Get it *together*, Roger. We *cannot* lose here.

KRAK

Surrender.

We are here to extradite you back to Canada under order number--

%#$& YOU.

I did *nothing* wrong.

You came to my work... you threatened me with jail, but I didn't do *anything* to deserve *any of it.*

You're a mutant...

...and you're **still here.**

That is your crime.

And *your* crime...

FWUNK

Box-9 is down!

...is *thinking* that we'd let you *harm* one of us.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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MUTANTS

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